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Inmate Death at MCFP Springfield

WASHINGTON, D.C.: On Tuesday, October 27, 2020, inmate Andre Vasquez tested positive for COVID-19 and was placed in medical isolation at the Medical Center for Federal Prisoners (MCFP) Springfield in Springfield, Missouri. On Wednesday, January 6, 2021, Mr. Vasquez was evaluated for hypotension and a decreased level of consciousness and transported to a local hospital for further treatment and evaluation. On Thursday, January 14, 2021, Mr. Vasquez, who had long-term pre-existing medical conditions, which the CDC lists as risk factors for developing more severe COVID-19 disease, was pronounced deceased by hospital staff.

Mr. Vasquez was a 76-year-old male who was sentenced in the District of Utah to a 492-month sentence for Armed Bank and Credit Union Robbery, Brandishing a Firearm During and in Relation to a Crime of Violence, Bank Robbery, and Possession of a Firearm by a Convicted Felon. He had been in custody at MCFP Springfield since January 19, 2018.

MCFP Springfield is an administrative security facility that currently houses 793 male offenders.

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